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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Eugene A. Laurent, Ph.D., State Director

**DATE:** July 30, 2009

**RE:** Important Meetings About Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities (MR/RD) Waiver Changes and New Day Services

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On July 17, the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs approved changes to some services available through the MR/RD Waiver. This is a result of the devastating state budget reductions DDSN had last fiscal year. While some MR/RD Waiver services will remain the same, there will be limits and changes to other waiver services. In addition, to give consumers and families more service choices, DDSN has developed five new day services.

DDSN is offering informational meetings across the state for consumers, families and staff to learn more details about the changes and new services. **Meetings are scheduled as follows:**

**Tuesday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 PM – Conway Library, 801 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526**

**Tuesday, August 11, 6:00-8:00 PM – Pee Dee Center Multi-Purpose Bldg., 714 National Cemetery Rd., Florence, SC 29506**

**Tuesday, August 18, 6:00-8:00 PM – Coastal Center Gym, 9995 Jamison Rd., Summerville, SC 29485**

**Monday, August 24, 6:00-8:00 PM – University Center of Greenville Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 225 South Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607-2544**

**Tuesday, August 25, 6:00-8:00 PM – Midlands Center Training Center, 8301 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203**

**Tuesday, September 8, 6:00-8:00 PM – Bamberg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, 16553 Heritage Highway, Denmark, SC 29042**

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-8:00 PM – Burton Center, 2605 Hwy. 72/221 East, Greenwood, SC 29649**

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